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NAVAIR INSTRUCTION 1412.1

From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command

Subj: NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND HEADQUARTERS ENLISTED AVIATION
WARFARE SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1412.5B
(b) NAVEDTRA 4342.3B

Encl: (1) Sample EAWS Coordinator Designation Letter
(2) Sample EAWS Qualifier Designation Letter

1. Purpose. To establish the requirements and assign responsibilities for qualification and designation of Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters (NAVAIRHQ) enlisted personnel as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS).

2. Discussion. Reference (a) contains eligibility criteria for personnel desiring to participate in the EAWS program. Reference (b) is the Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) handbook for the EAWS program. The designation of an individual as an EAWS signifies acquisition of specific professional skills, knowledge, and military experience that result in a unique and honored qualification. Participation in the EAWS program, while highly recommended, is strictly voluntary.

3. EAWS Coordinator. A qualified service member will be designated as the NAVAIRHQ EAWS Coordinator by letter (enclosure (1)). This assignment will be for 1 year. The coordinator will be selected by an annual board consisting of the CNO Directed Command Master Chief (AIR-00M) and other chosen NAVAIRHQ master chiefs. The board's nomination will be forwarded to the Vice Commander (AIR-09) for approval.

4. EAWS Qualifiers. All EAWS qualifiers who volunteer will be designated in writing as NAVAIRHQ EAWS qualifiers. The EAWS Coordinator will screen candidates and forward nominations to AIR-00M for AIR-09 approval. Qualifiers will be E-5 or above and, as a minimum, must have completed the PQS they are authorized to sign off. EAWS qualifiers will only sign off on the areas within their own purview.



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5. Procedures

a. All personnel desiring to participate in the EAWS program must submit a request, via the chain of command, for documented entrance into the EAWS program.

b. Participating personnel meeting the time requirements of reference (a) and completing qualifications in reference (b) must submit their PQS handbook through their appropriate chain of command for final approval by AIR-09. An oral examination board will be conducted to ascertain the members EAWS knowledge level. The board will consist of a Naval Aviator/Naval Flight Officer, the EAWS Coordinator, and two EAWS designated personnel (E-7 or above).

6. Responsibilities

a. AIR-09 will

(1) approve the selection of the EAWS Coordinator for NAVAIRHQ;

(2) approve NAVAIRHQ EAWS qualifiers (enclosure (2)); and

(3) approve EAWS designation for enlisted personnel within NAVAIRHQ.

b. AIR-00M will

(1) monitor the EAWS program within NAVAIRHQ;

(2) convene annual board for selection of the EAWS Coordinator;

(3) work with the EAWS Coordinator in obtaining nominations for EAWS qualifiers; and

(4) assemble an oral examination board, as required, per paragraph 5b above.

c. EAWS Coordinator will

(1) coordinate the overall EAWS program within NAVAIRHQ;

(2) maintain a current list of EAWS qualified personnel and EAWS qualifiers;

(3) work with AIR-00M in obtaining nominations for EAWS qualifiers;

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(4) provide guidance to prospective EAWS candidates and ensure they have met reference (a) criteria; and

(5) coordinate meeting with all EAWS board members prior to an individual's oral examination to discuss topic areas.

d. EAWS Qualifiers will

(1) familiarize themselves with their topics in sufficient depth to ensure proper expertise has been attained by the EAWS candidate; and

(2) sign off reference (b) for EAWS candidates.



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From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
To:

Subj: DESIGNATION AS ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST
COORDINATOR

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1412.5B

1. Per reference (a), I hereby designate you as the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS) Coordinator for the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters.
2. While serving in this capacity you are asked to undertake the responsibilities and functions outlined in reference (a) and associated subject matter directives.
3. Your tenure will be 1 year from the date of this letter.

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From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
To:

Subj: DESIGNATION AS ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST
QUALIFIER

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1412.5A
(b) NAVEDTRA 4342.3A
(c) NAVAIRINST 1412.1

1. Per reference (a), you are hereby designated as a Personal Qualification Standards qualifier for the Enlisted Aviation Warfare program within the Naval Air Systems Command.

2. In this capacity, you are authorized to sign off individual Personal Qualification Standards line items that are within your purview. You are to comply with the applicable portions of references (a) through (c) before assuming this appointment.

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Encl (2)